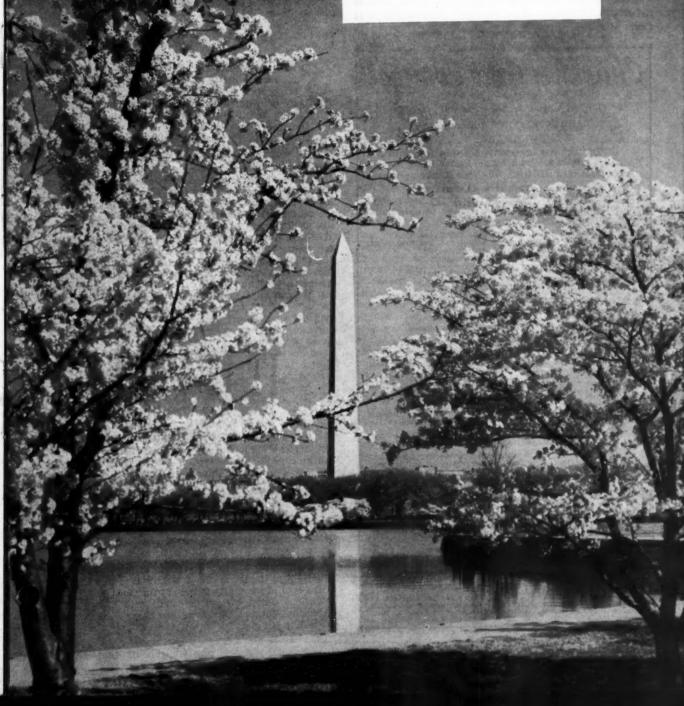
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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Pather, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
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6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

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13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

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14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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One Minute

Rev. Manuel F. Campbell

SALT

ALT IS CHEAP, but salt is precious. Without salt food would not be so desirable. Salt is a vital necessity for the continued health of an individual. The body demands salt. This would be an undesirable world if the supply of natural salt were suddenly cut off, and the reason this world is becoming more and more undesirable is that the supply of Christian salt is diminishing because of a refusal to follow Christ.

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Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." Christians are called of Christ to make a world-wide application. Christian salt is one great need of this troubled world today. The reason some nations have fallen apart, and the reason other nations are headed in the same direction, is because MANY HAVE GONE OFF OF THE CHRIS-TIAN SALT STANDARD. Salt preserves, salt flavors, and salt creates thirst. How many have you made thirsty for Jesus? Christians are not expected to salt hell; Christians are not expected to salt heaven. "Ye are the salt of the earth."

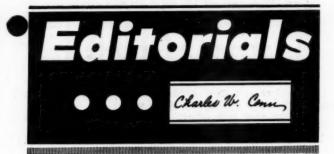
IT IS TRUE

IF YOU GET ENOUGH money, you can be considered a millionaire. If you have enough brains, you can be called a genius. But, if you have not Christ, you are a poor miserable sinner.

Money can put you in the upper class of this world, but it will take the blood of Jesus to put you in the high society of heaven. Cornelius Vanderbilt, a rich man, said as he died, "Yes, yes, sing that for me. I am poor and needy."

With the power of the dollar you can write your name in the air, but it will take the power of the blood of Jesus to write it in the Lamb's Book of Life. It is true that deep in the soul of humanity is the cry for God.

Without Christ we are defeated; with Christ we are victorious. Without Christ we are poor; with Christ we are rich in His glory.



BORN TO SHINE SHOES

ASSING through St. Louis several weeks ago, I was attracted by the signs on a shoeshine stand. These signs declared to all passers-by that inside they could get the best shine in town, and that they could have their shoes shined to a mirror finish. Inside I found, to my amusement, that any customer who would listen was treated to a free discourse on life, along with his "mirror shine." The elderly colored man who worked there alone, it became immediately evident, was scrupulously honest and truthful about what he had to say, and extremely conscientious about the work he did on your shoes. Being commended for this, he stated with disarming sincerity, "I was born to shine shoes. Every man is born to do something; I was born to shine shoes. That is my calling."

Some may criticize this attitude that gave no higher ambition than to shine shoes, but I commend that old man for the seriousness with which he approaches his task. To us, shining shoes might be a lowly and menial task, but to him it was a profession or a calling. He did not approach it timidly or listlessly, but instead went about his work with enthusiasm and real industry. If he must be a boot-black, then he would be the best one in town, and such he determined to be. He found joy in his labor, and this joy removed the tedium from the labor. In the course of the conversation I discovered him to be a sincere born-again Christian. This colored gentleman had no higher call to labor than to shine shoes, but, after all, I reflected, "God needs boot-blacks who will be serious about Him and their labor." After all, are we not admonished by the Scriptures, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might"? This attitude elevated shining shoes to the status of a calling, and the man who would so seriously consider his work would not only make a good boot-black, but would succeed in any other calling.

You can make anything you do tedious labor or a calling in which and through which you can work for God. There is a real need today for men and women who feel a calling into tasks other than the ministry. The Sunday School class you teach can be a calling or a bothersome burden to you. It all depends on how you approach the work. If you think it is a burden, then it will be a burden, and if you long for release from it, then the yoke of it will become heavier than you can bear. If you regard the task as an opportunity to serve God and as a challenge to be the very best teacher possible, then it will no onger be a task or a burden, but will be a calling and a delight to perform. If each week's preparation for the lesson finds you endeavoring only to find something to occupy the time until the class period is over, then you certainly were not born to teach a Sunday School class

and do not feel the calling. However, if each week finds you approaching the lesson with eagerness and anticipation, you have made your work a calling and will find it a pleasure to perform. Anyone can feel this calling to teach if they will approach teaching with the proper attitude. The matter is not so much how you feel, but how you think, for when you think properly toward a thing, that will give you the proper feeling toward it.

It is not necessary for me to point out a great number of tasks that can be elevated into callings by a proper attitude, for you can apply that truth to your own particular case. You can make work in the Ladies Willing Worker Band a calling instead of bothersome labor, if you will regard it as a field in which you will excel and as an opportunity to work for the Lord. The same is true of music and singing and work in the altar. It is true of the job at which you make your living and the relationship and opportunities for service you find in your community or neighborhood. Many people accomplish little in the thing they do because they are constantly searching for something else to do, which may seem to have a little more honor attached to it. You will have more opportunities for service than you can meet if you will make the task you must perform a calling instead of drudgery. If the thing you must do prohibits you from doing things you would like to do, you can spend your time in fretting until you are frustrated and defeated, or you can accept the task you must do as the task you were meant to do and you can find joy in the doing.

Housewives particularly need to understand this. The confining labor of keeping house and rearing children often gives a woman a sense of uselessness and fruitlessness. While others are out working for the Lord they must remain at home with the tedious and monotonous tasks that never are quite done. You may chafe under such rigor until you not only are unable to do the things you want to do, but also are a failure at the thing you have to do. Instead of this double defeat you can regard the labor of homemaking as your labor for the Lord and your chance to offer Him success until it is indeed a calling and your success in that calling will make you a profitable servant of the Lord. God needs good homemakers and good mothers as much as He needs good ministers and good teachers. Perhaps you were born to keep home and to rear children. Eventually you may understand that, but you may not do so until you have failed in it, unless you have the proper attitude toward it at the time it is your task.

Horace Bushnell has said that "God has a definite lifeplan for every human person, girding him, visibly or invisibly, for some exact thing which it will be the true significance and glory of his life to have accomplished." If your life is dedicated and consecrated to the Lord He is working out a life-plan for you. It may be in the form of menial labor and it may be in the form of conspicuous service, but regardless it will glorify Him only when you accept it as a calling in which you must do your very best and as your opportunity to do Him service. If you are a mechanic, determine to be the best mechanic you knowfor God needs good mechanics. If you are a factory worker, determine to do your particular job as well or better than anyone else-for God needs good factory workers. If you are a secretary, determine to be among the very best of secretaries-for God needs your service in that field. Your labor can be a wearisome and monotonous routine and drudge, or it can be a high and respectable life calling and opportunity for Christian service. Whatever your labor, be sure you do it well.

The PREACHER'S WIFE

By E. A. Huchison

FEW YEARS AGO I was invited to be the guest speaker at a state convention of Presbyterian young people. While sitting at the speaker's table at the dinner at which I was to speak, I was served by a very charming and attractive young lady. Her personality was radiant. Her chief concern seemed to be centered on whether everyone was being properly cared for, happy, and enjoying the convention. After she had served our table and had moved on to other duties, the minister in charge of the convention leaned over and told me the following story.

That morning there had been a dedicatory service—one in which the young people of that group had been asked to dedicate their lives to the service of Christ in His Church. A number had responded to the request. Some young men had expressed the desire to become ministers of the gospel. Others had volced their wish to become missionaries in a foreign field. Some young women had pledged their lives in helping the sick and afflicted through becoming nurses in hospitals supported by that church. When the director asked the young lady mentioned above what she would like to be, she arose from her knees where she had been kneeling in prayer and said, "I want to be the wife of a minister."

Of course, we laughed, but when the laughter had died away, I found myself in serious reflection, and turned to those who had heard the story to say that she had chosen the hardest and most difficult task of all.

Preachers' wives will be found among the unnamed heroines of the faith. But few persons realize their problems and the role they play in the peace and prosperity of the Church.

If she is young and bubbling over with life, she is too giddy.

If she is aged and spiritual in her conversation, she is too serious.

If she sees a need in the church and voices her observation, she is too busy.

If she leads the singing in worship, she wants to make a show of her abilities.

If she dresses herself and her children in good taste, she is too proud.

If she wants her children to have an education and ad-

equate preparation for life, she is too ambitious.

If she ever hints about wanting some household article that every other woman wants and has, she is too extravagant.

If she ever mentions one of her husband's faults and mannerisms in the pulpit, she is trying to tell him how to preach.

If she ever speaks of how little they receive for the sacrifice they and their children make in behalf of the Church, she is a hindrance to his work.

If she ever tells others how well her husband has preached, she lacks good taste.

If she just keeps still and doesn't do any of the things listed above, she is no good as a preacher's wife.

What would you do if you were in her place?

ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO I read a letter from Hartzell Spence, author of "One Foot in Heaven." An old minister had written Spence asking why he did not write a book about his mother, and he replied, "If anybody ever had both feet in heaven mother did." His mother was a preacher's wife.

In the days of the pioneers, our ministers were mostly farmer preachers. During the absence of her circuitriding husband, she and the children carried on and did the farming. In those days their greatest sacrifice was the absence of their loved one from the family circle. The crops grew; the land increased in value; and they often became prosperous. Today, however, circumstances are different. We have become an urban, instead of a rural, people. When a man leaves home to go to an appointment, his income stops, and then, too, there are traveling expenses. If you ask your pastor to give one day's income from his earning power to your church, are you willing to match his sacrifice with giving just one day's income to your church? Mark you, I did not ask for one-tenth, but just one-thirtieth. Ponder this well, won't you?

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Perhaps if some of you readers could be in your pastor's home some Saturday morning when he was leaving for his appointment, you would be surprised. You might see them dividing the content of the family purse, leaving enough to scantily supply the family's needs in his absence, and the minister taking just enough to pay his train fare one way. If that isn't an act of faith, I don't know what faith is. But that isn't all. As he picks up his luggage and starts for the train, I see the one whom he is leaving behind plant a kiss on his cheek and say, "God bless you, dear; we'll be all right."

When skies are lowering and the clouds are black, and clouds do come in a minister's life, then the truest friend he has, next to the Triune God whose gospel he preaches, is the preacher's wife. Yes, God and his wife are the only persons he can talk to sometimes—and both have listening ears.

About thirty years ago I preached the funeral of an aged minister. He was good, gentle, and kind, but had only one talent. His companion of more than half a century had been true and faithful to her husband, and to God and the churches he had served. As we stood by his casket, a large number of persons paused to make some complimentary remark about the one who had been called home. The aged woman by my side also knew how some of them had often criticized and slighted the old minister Suddenly she turned to me, put her arms about my shoulders and, in a flood of tears, said, "Oh, if they had only

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CHRIST PAID IT ALL

Wade J. Wilson



"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed," Isaiah 53:5.

HEN GOD LOOKED down upon Adam after his transgression, no doubt He said, "I will send my beloved Son and redeem him with such power beyond all expectations for soul liberty and happiness."

Then one day a message came ringing over Judean hills that "a Saviour is born." Not since David's victory over Goliath had a message carried with it such joy to the afflicted and oppressed.

The apostles were severely persecuted, but they were healed of their stripes and bruises, otherwise they could not have continued their missionary journeys. This was not the case when the Nazarene laid aside His authority, surrendered to the angry mob, cruelly beaten, and trudged up Golgotha.

He bore the iniquity of us all. He fulfilled love's greatest story. We read of wiseacres galore, but no mind so quick as that of the Nazarene during His outstanding ministry

of healing and standing for the poor.

And He is repeating today. Betty Baxter gives a wonderful testimony of divine deliverance. This miracle happened in 1941. At the age of fifteen her body was no tall-

er than her four-year-old brother. Says she: "All the vertebrae in my back were out of place."

Betty heard the voice of Jesus who said, "I will heal you in the fall." Then He healed her in no uncertain manner, for her body appears to be above the average. Jesus further promised, "I will give you health, joy, and happiness."

During His ministry He saw nothing better to do than to heal the sick and declare the kingdom of God is at hand. The habits, actions, and words of Christ are riches in abundance. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." Ephesians 1:7.

Isaiah beautifully penned the scouraging concerning the stripes. He must have wanted to heal everybody. Doubtlessly, He was in deep meditation, thinking of our

health, for He opened not His mouth.

Today His words are on record for our deliverance! He said to the sick of the palsy, "I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go unto thine house"; to the man with a withered hand, "Stretch forth thy hand"; to the man at the pool, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk"; the blind man, "Receive thy sight; thy faith hath saved thee."

"Jesus Christ the condescension of divinity and the ex-

altation of humanity."-Brooks.

"In His life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live; in His death, He is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins; in His resurrection, He is a conqueror; in His ascension, He is a high priest."—Luther.

To the person who has a ruined life there is no one who can pay for the damages done except Jesus of Nazareth. Some may consider the circumstances; however, Zacchaeus of Jericho refused to be pushed around, and he climbed a sycamore tree. Bartimaeus would not be denied because of his blinded eyes. He cried aloud to his Mediator who can tap the source of all power in heaven and earth.

It is no wonder we sing "It Is Joy Unspeakable." Such feelings of rapture caused Moody to say he felt like skipping from star to star and hanging his hat on the moon. The apostle Paul was not wild with enthusiasm, either, when he wrote, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Then it was Jacob who laid his head upon a rock, which is typical of Christ Jesus, and saw a ladder reaching to heaven's glory and Zion's perfection. So, let us forget about a crisis or the national indebtedness and rejoice together that our debts are paid in full.

Listen to the footsteps of the Good Shepherd's feet, Leading to the pathway of duty by sowing the wheat. Stop, sinner! and do as the thief who asked forgiveness— Enter into His stronghold of eternal bliss.

When two seas meet and the gospel ship is aground, Then there are souls for the Master to be found. It is God who trieth the hearts of men. Paul by using faith won every battle over sin.

God demands people to follow Him, labor with Him, and expect Him to be the wise Master Leader through life. The gospel is not a history cut off from the future. Tomorrow is bright, if we carry the cross as we should. Since God gave His Son, and the Son gave Himself, the question in the preponderance of our Christian living tends to the Church's giving so freely of every unselfish desire. This surely must be God's challenge to us with His index finger pointing to His only begotten Son who has hands open wide indicating the door to salvation is still open.

The ship of Zion sails on with sails hoisted high. It ran the Mediterranean and now must fly. But a metaphor is not the best way to tell Of the old gospel ship which has done so well.

When figures of speech fall short, what then?
We need experience with integrity to win.
The indescribable kind which feels the resurrection power.

This is the answer! The need of the hour!

For Jesus of Nazareth speaks today in like manner as

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OMETIME AGO one of our leading magazines published the picture of a retiring businessman reclining in his hammock. This man was tired and worn from the traffic and hurry of one of America's most busy metropolitan areas. He had left it all and was making his home on a tropical island of the sea. What a picture of contentment, for he was surrounded with his servants, writings, and drinks. At last, in this little paradise, he claimed to have found the true source of man's happiness. This individual was a victim of a terrible delusion, for he was much like the rich farmer who thought he had found happiness and security by obtaining the material things of this world. Though man is naturally inclined to resort to the tangible things of life for satisfaction and joy, David, in the text, had found the true source of earthly contentment. This text seems to divide itself into two: first, David had set the Lord before him, for this reason he was able to always live in God's divine presence; second, because God was at his right hand, he had learned to trust explicitly in His power. God's presence is the greatest assurance man can know, and this

proud of his God and the religion of blood at the Badger-Skin Tabernacle, so he declared with the voice of a trumpet that he had set his God always before him.

How advantageous it is to know that God will be ahead of us in all our troubles. It is commonly believed that the king's enemies were heavily oppressing him, and in his distress he is fleeing to God for preservation. Let us follow closely the footsteps of the man who was after God's own heart and see if this wonderful advantage was his experience. From the sixteenth division of the Psalms we walk with the king, through one after the other of the glorious Psalms until we come to the 23d. There in the valley of the shadow of death he refuses to fear evil, because God is with him.

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THIS GLORIOUS advantage was enjoyed by the three Hebrew children in the land of Babylon. The king's decree was for every man to bow his knee and pay respect to the image on the clay plain of Dura. These three stalwart boys from Israel refused to heed the law. Therefore, the furnace was heated seven times hotter. The soldiers brutally bound the victims with their hats and coats on and cast them into the blazing furnace. Down they fell and the flames burned, but only their bonds were affected by the intense heat. The king looked into the furnace, but instead of seeing three, to his amazement he looked upon four. These young men had set God before them, so He was first in the fiery furnace.

Man's Jrue Source of HAPPINESS

truth should be stamped indelibly upon every heart. Remove His presence and all prayers are empty, church services are worthless, and the entire Christian life futile.

The Psalmist did not set God before him by fits and periods of emotion, but "always" is the method he pursued. The thought implied from the original language of the text is that God was "equally" before me. This great king of Israel set God before him as much at one time as at another. Peter, on the day of Pentecost, made this statement, "I foresaw the Lord always before my face." God was equal in every step of his life, and this is man's only way of being truly happy. God in our religion, God in our occupations, God in our business transactions, God in our recreation. God before us in every thought, act, and move of our lives. The Bible plainly asserts that in all our ways we should acknowledge Him, and He would direct our paths.

Such a declaration was a challenge to the unstable children of Israel, for one day they would put their faith in the tabernacle and the next day follow Baal. The king's declaration stands forth in opposition to the surrounding nations and tribes of Canaan. The Philistines worshipped Dagan with their elaborate temples at Gaza and Ashdod, as well as Asteroth, their female goddess, who is identified with the moon and stars. Their religious ceremonies and feasts were colorful and appealing, but David was

Hebrew tradition states that this quartet harmoniously sang a psalm as together they enveloped in the fire. While the king sweated and fumed, they wore their coats and hats and sang praises with the Lord in the middle of the flames. A blessed and sweet communion belongs to all those who set the Lord before them.

These benefits are realized not only individually, but collectively, that is to say, as a church body. The blessing of unity will be enjoyed by the church that sets God equally before it. Unity in the believing church is the foundation upon which we can receive all God's rich blessings. This is the imperative need for the professing church of today. It is not money, trained workers, or lovely buildings—although we could certainly use more of these—but unity is the predominant need of the hour.

It was harvest time in the Midwestern States. The season had been favorable and a bumper crop was being enjoyed by all the farmers. In the field the men were busily gathering the grain, while at the house the women were busily preparing a harvest dinner. The mother, who was host for the occasion, was busily working, helping the other women to prepare the meal. As she was so busily en-

gaged her baby toddled away from the house and out into the golden wheat field. Soon the dinner bell rang and the workers joyfully gathered about the heavily laden table. The mother discovered her baby was gone, so everyone began looking for the child, but all their efforts were in vain. On into the night, with torches and flashlights, the men diligently searched the fields, hoping to find the lost child. Finally the searchers gathered at the home to regroup and continue the search. What a sad and brokenhearted group this was. The baby's mother was hysterical. One of the workers called for the attention of the crowd. He then told them how that in their excitement some of them passed, perhaps, within a few feet of the child, but because of the tall grain they were unable to see him, and perhaps some parts of the fields had not been searched. So the men joined hands and spread out, forming a long, unbroken chain. Back and forth, time and time again, they swept across the broad field, covering all of it with a watchful eye. Suddenly somewhere down that long line a shout of surprise was heard-the baby had been found! A physician was waiting to administer to the physical need of the child. Desperately he worked for some time, but with sadness he turned to the father and shook his head. An arrow of sorrow struck the father's heart; warm tears ran from his eyes. Turning to the many who stood by he said, "Men, I appreciate what you have done, but why didn't we get our hands together sooner?" Unity in the church is indispensable. We must have it. Let us, as a church, always set God before

A NOTHER DEFINITE advantage of setting God before us is, men become like the gods they serve and resemble the professions they pursue. There are certain characteristics that belong exclusively to the doctor, while on the other hand certain things definitely mark the schoolteacher. Also, there are traits and mannerisms that mark the minister. These characteristics are inescapable

if one follows a certain profession.

Sometime ago I was in a small Indiana town and I visited the barber shop. The shop was full, and when my time came I got into the chair. The barber and I talked, and it was the average conversation about the war, the weather, and current events. The barber carefully clipped my hair, shaved my neck and dusted me with talcum powder, but before letting me out of his chair he patted my head, leaned over and whispered in my ear, "Aren't you a preacher?" Since then I have wondered what caused him to ask this question: was it our conversation or the feel of my head? Really, it doesn't matter-the ministry has left is mark upon my life. And serving God

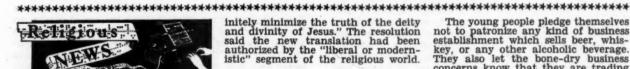
will leave its mark upon those following Him. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch because in their lives the people had seen the God that they had set before them. "CHRISTIAN"—what a beautiful word! May we closely analyze it-'CHRIST-I-Am-Nothing.'

Men universally resemble the gods they set before them. The devotees of Budah, Mohammed, Confuscia, and all the other gods become like the gods they serve. If we put the living God, the God of the Bible, before us, then we shall become like Him. This will not only be true in our earthly lives, but we have the earthly promise of being like Him in the life to come. 1 John 3:2, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

One of the reasons we should always keep God before us is because God is the best we have. In the commercial world this is always the custom. Invariably the prettiest dress or suit is on the model in the display room. The choicest cut of meat or the nicest vegetables will always be put out in front, because the merchant knows these will be the attraction. With all that the Church has accumulated today, God is yet the BEST we have. Sad to say, but there are churches with magnificent buildings and polished and highly trained ministers, yet recreation, suppers, and bingo games are their featured attractions. The fulness of His Spirit should be the ambition and goal of every church. Each program and department should be a working auxiliary, helping to put God first in our midst.

Another reason for putting God first is so we will not lose Him. Time is moving rapidly in this modern day, and there are hundreds of voices calling continually to the hearts of men. Life's requirements are certainly rigid. In order that we will not lose God, let us set Him before us.

The final reason for setting God before us is because He, in an absolute sense, is all we possess. Everything else we possess will perish, decay, or fade away. Fame and fortune are like a handful of feathers cast in a strong wind. Youth belongs to us for only a few fleeting moments. The passing of the seasons will cut deep furrows in the brow, cause the hand to tremble and our eyes will become dim. The bloom of health can be ours one day and the rising of tomorrow's sun may find it fading in the groans of death. Loved ones, and we feel like they belong to us, we will leave behind and turn away sorrowfully from the freshly covered grave as the minister's benediction lingers in our hearts. What in life is ours? Only God. He is the BEST we have. He is ALL we have. We cannot afford to lose Him.



NATIONAL NEWS BAPTIST GROUP OPPOSES NEW VERSION

MOBILE, Alabama (EP) The American Baptist Association wound up its annual convention by unanimously adopting a resolution opposing the new revised standard edition of the Bible. The Association, a group of in-dependent churches, said: "This revised standard version seems to definitely minimize the truth of the deity and divinity of Jesus." The resolution said the new translation had been authorized by the "liberal or modernistic" segment of the religious world.

> "I BUY DRY" MOVEMENT SPREADING

DALLAS, Texas (EP) The "I Buy movement which started as local project by some young people in the Tyler Street Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, has now spread all over the city and is going over the State of Texas. Many inquiries are being received as to how it is formed and how it works.

The young people pledge themselves not to patronize any kind of business establishment which sells beer, whiskey, or any other alcoholic beverage. They also let the bone-dry business concerns know that they are trading with them because of their not selling any kind of liquor. All professing Christians should make the "I Buy Dry" movement a personal project. It would put a stop to a lot of liquor being sold in drug stores, grocery stores, etc. A list of merchants who do not sell alcoholic beverages should be placed in all Christian churches. For full information regarding the "I Buy movement, contact Rev. A. A. At kins, 921 W. Tenth Street, Dallas, Tex-

God's Endless Quest

By A. V. Howell

Text: "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

HAT A BRACING and winsome word this is! The book of 2 Chronicles is a rather prosaic book, but here it breaks into exquisite poetry. Here is a gospel as fresh and appealing as that of the New Testament. This word thrills and heartens us because of the light it flashes upon the face of our Lord. It shows Him as the eternal seeker after man. But it heartens us no less because of what it tells us of ourselves. If it lights up for us the face of God, it sheds an equally revealing light upon the face of man. It tells us something that we are prone to forget, and that is, that in spite of all his follies, faults, sins, and failures, man is a grand creature. He has that in him, I know, that makes him akin to the beast of the field, but he also has that which makes him akin to God.

If you are, for the moment, in a spirit of pessimism; if you feel disposed to say something disparaging about man, then you can let yourself go without any great fear of overstating your case. You can agree with the cynic who declared he could believe in humanity if it were not for folks. You can snarl with Carlyle that the world, as well as England, is made up of so many millions, mainly fools. In fact, there is no ugly word that you cannot speak about man and speak sober truth. There is no trust that he has not betrayed. There is no crime that he has not committed. There is no immoral depth of debauch and shame that man has not sounded. At his worst, he seems indeed a very son of the devil.

But, if you feel inclined to take an optimistic view, you can do that and be just as correct as the pessimist. For, if there is nothing too bad to say about man, it is equally true that there is nothing too good to say about him.

There is no danger that man has not dared . . . There are no heights that he has not undertaken to scale . . . There is no costly sacrifice that he has not been glad to make. He has crossed all seas, penetrated all forests, and left his consecrated ashes on all shores. If there is much clay in him, there is also much fine gold. If he is a son of Adam, he also is a son of God.

As I was strolling through Westminster Abbey in London, I came to the corridor that the kings and queens of England march down for the coronation. As I walked down this corridor I came to a bronze plate about thirty inches wide and eight feet long. The first words I noticed were these, "Here lies the body of David Livingstone who sacrificed the luxurious life of London, went to the dark

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heathen land of Africa to preach the gospel of our Lord. His body fell on the hot sands of Africa . . . They took out his heart and buried it in Africa among the people he gave his life for, and his body was brought and placed here in this tomb by the tender hands of those that loved him." My heart waxed warm within me when I thought of this great man and the sacrifice he made. His quest for lost souls was endless.

ONE MARK of man's greatness is that he is possessed of an insatiable hunger for God. Other Creatures are satisfied as long as their physical needs are met. But this is not the case with man. When the prodigal had spent his all and was sent into the field to feed the swine, he and the swine had something in common. They both were hungry—had the same thing to eat. But when the swine had eaten their husks they were content and lay down perfectly satisfied; with the prodigal this was impossible. He was haunted by home voices and home memories. "Lord," sang an ancient poet, "Thou hast been our dwelling place." God is the heart's true home, and we are forever homesick as long as we are away from the Lord. This hunger and thirst after God is universal. It belongs to the best of men. It belongs also to the worst of men. The chief difference between the best men and the worst is that the best know it is God after whom they are hungrying, and the worst don't know what they want. There was a psalmist who is wise enough to know what is lacking in his life. Therefore he sings, "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." There are others who are less wise. They realize there is something lacking. They know they have hunger and thirst that have never been met. But often they try to meet their needs by wilder parties, or by accumulation of more things, or by grasping some poor second best.

When you see a caged eagle a vastly pathetic feeling always comes over you. The caged eagle will sit with his burnished brown wings folded slovenly about him. He doesn't seem to care whether he has any wings or not. He looks out of the prison cage with eyes that lack luster. You could say to that old eagle, "What's the matter with

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The Rejuvenated Christian

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"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint," Isaiah 40:31.

HE PROPHET ISAIAH lived in a day of trouble, sorrow, and captivity, but with the telescope of faith he looked beyond present troubles, on into the dispensation of grace in which we are now living. He lifted the telescope higher and looked into the coming millennium and then into eternity, when God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away, praise God. I can see Isaiah now as he felt the blessing of the Lord welling up in his soul, and with a full heart, he cried, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."

We, too, are living in a day of trouble, sorrow, heartaches and captivity, but, brother and sister, let us lift the telescope of faith and look beyond our present difficulties into the glory of the coming kingdom of peace, and then on unto eternity. About that time you, too, will feel the blessing of the Lord welling up in your soul, and you will then blessedly and enthusiastically, like the prophet, be speaking words of consolation to the saints, saying, "Be of good cheer, brother"; "The God of all grace bless you, sister."

The gospel comforts and releases the soul from the suffering of sin. Thus our spiritual captivity comes to an end; our iniquities are pardoned, and we receive of the Lord's hand double in the sense of blessing and peace for all our sins.

"Every valley shall be exalted, every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain," Isaiah 40:4.

IN OUR CHRISTIAN journey we sometimes come to a valley so deep and dark that we stop in alarm, and wonder, "How can I ever get across?" But just then the Word of the Lord comes to us in the power of the Spirit, "Every valley shall be exalted." Then as we travel along we see a mountain so steep that we wonder, "How can I ever surmount it?" But the Word of the Lord tells

us that "every mountain and hill shall be made low." Then, with the valleys brought up and the mountains made low, what will you have? An open prairie so that you can go sweeping forth praising the Lord of all grace who makes a way when there is no way. Yet, that is not all for the believer, because "the rough places shall be made plain." And, best of all, "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Therefore, if our ups and downs culminate in a revelation of the glory of the Lord, we ought to shout "hallelujah" for the ups and praise the Lord for the downs and glorify Him for the rough places, for "the rough places shall be made plain" and "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up in a high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God," Isalah 40:9.

Isaiah cries, "O Zion (or, rather, people of God), that bringest good tidings, get thee up into a high mountain." We, as Christians, should be bringers of glad tidings of salvation; but, first of all, if we plan to be bringers of salvation, we must get upon the mountain top, because we cannot help a man that is down if we are down, too. In other words, we must have victory in our souls before we can help that man who is lost. This is a mountain that is not to be leveled, but climbed, for it is the mountain of power with God.

"O Jerusalem (people of God), that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength." I don't believe this necessarily implies to hollo at the top of your voice, but its spiritual sense means "divine strength." Yes, in this day and time Christians should obtain divine strength with God, so they will have the power of the Holy Ghost in their words when speaking to lost souls. Now is the time to "lift up thy voice with strength," while under the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit. We are afraid, too many times, to show our colors, but let us get away from this defeatist attitude and forcefully get on the offensive. Lift up your voice and be not afraid, for the Lord says, "I even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man, which shall be made as grass?" Isaiah 51:12.

WHEN WE COMPARE our lives with these foregoing strong portions of the Word, we fall under

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you?" He can't answer—and if he could, he doesn't know what's wrong. I can tell you what's wrong with him! He is missing the role he is supposed to play. He was not made for a cage. He was made for the skyland and upper air. He was made to "bathe his plumage in the thunder's home." Even so, we are made for God, and we can never find peace or rest without Him. This is a mark of the greatness of man.

The supreme mark of our greatness is not our hunger for God, but God's hunger for us. If we cannot get along without Him, neither can God get along without man. Man's quest for God has been timeless and universal, but God has always sought man before man sought Him. It is the realization of this truth that causes us to sing, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." We seek because we are sought. We love Him because He first loved us! It is this love, this endless quest of God after man, I repeat, that constitutes man's supreme greatness.

A FEW YEARS AGO the papers were full of criticism of a certain woman named Wallis Warfield. They told how she had been twice married, and how in both instances she had divorced her husband and had wrecked her home. Many regarded her as a cheap and chaffy woman. But there was at least this argument, that there was some worth about her in spite of her ugly past. There was a man that saw enough in her to uncrown himself for her and to give up the greatest umpire in the world. If Edward has any worth at all, then his love argues for something of worth in the woman for whom he gave his very all. Now, if such a love argues for something of worth of Wallis Warfield, how much more does the love of God argue for our worth. I am aware that it is not always easy to believe this. A certain psalmist, as he looked out upon this amazing universe, found it hard to believe in the worth of a creature so seemingly insignificant as man, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visiteth him?" Then the Psalmist answers his own question, and does it in a grand way, "Thou hast made him," he contends, "but a little lower than God." He is, therefore, a great creature. He is the one supremely worthful creature in the universe. So precious is he at his worst and lightest, yet he outweighs the whole world. Hence, Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own life?" But the fact that God can't get on without him is his supreme mark of greatness.

It is the endless quest of God after man that is the central theme of the Bible. This quest is the central theme of the Bible because it is the biggest fact in human experience. There is nothing truer and more arresting than God's endless quest of man. We meet it on the very first page of the Bible. I am aware that we can make sorry reading of the first chapters of Genesis if we bring to them a wooden mind. But read aright, they are as fresh as the dewdrop on the lips of a rose. When Adam, through his rebellion, had broken with God, he was restless and afraid, but strange to say, he did not at once begin to seek God. On the contrary, he hid from Him. Adam did not cry, "My God, where art thou?" It was God who cried, "Adam, where art thou?" It is ever

so; hiding has been characteristic of man through the centuries. It is God who always has to begin the search. Just as we find God searching on the first page of the Bible, so we find Him on the last page. Here we see His face a little more clearly. By this time we have a somewhat better understanding of Him. But He is on the same loving quest. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst say, Come. And whosoever will, let him come and take the water of life freely." Thus, when we get our first glimpse of God upon the pages of His book, we find Him in pursuit of man. When we get our last glimpse, He is still upon the same endless quest. He is still holding out His arms saying, "Come unto me."

Here is a prophet speaking on God's behalf: "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" And again: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Francis Thompson told the story of the Hound of Heaven. He felt himself pursued by a loving God from whom there was no escape. There was a certain psalmist who had a like experience. He ran from God, even as many are doing today, but he was pursued by a love that would not let him go. "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit, or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up to heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, thou art there; if I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."

This record of the quest of God after man reaches its climax in the ministry of Jesus. He summed up His mission in these words: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." He told the story of a certain shepherd who led his flock home at the close of the day, to discover that one sheep was missing. Ninety and nine were safe, but he could not be contented to leave this one silly and wayward sheep alone. He set out into the wilds of the dark night and sought for that foolish sheep until he found it. He then laid it upon his shoulders and brought it home. So great was his joy over his successful search that he had to give expression to it by inviting his friends and making a feast. God is like that. Said Jesus, "There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." It is wonderful to note that in God's quest of man there is no price too great for God to pay. To be convinced of this, it is only necessary for us to turn our eyes once more upon the cross. The death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary is a historical fact. But the cross means more than one historical event. Jesus on the cross is God on the cross. What Jesus suffered is what God is suffering, not for a few black hours, but from eternity to eternity. The cross tells of the continuous heartache of God as He goes on His continuous quest for man. "None of the ransomed ever knew how deep were the waters crossed, nor how dark was the night the Lord passed through, ere He found His sheep that was lost.

If GOD IS FOREVER SEEKING MAN, how does He seek him? God seeks us in a vast variety of

ways. He taxes the infinite resources of His wisdom in order to find us. He seeks man through His daily experiences. When you see the sun rise in the morning, God is saying, "Will you let the Son of Righteousness rise upon you with healing in His beams?" Or, as you drink water at the fountains of this world, Jesus says to man, "He that drinks of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I give him shall never thirst, but the water that I GIVE HIM SHALL BE IN HIM a well of water springing up into everlasting life." When man eats bread, God speaks, "I am the Bread of life. If any man eat thereof, he shall never die." When man looks upon a sheep, God speaks and says, "I am the Good Shepherd." The lilies of the valley speak to man. Jesus is the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon. The stars of the heavens speak to man that Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star, the Star-of Hope.

God seeks man through man's sorrows and troubles. Man's extremity has always been God's opportunity to help him.

Finally, God is calling us through the needs of others. We are living through desperate days. It is my conviction that every one of us would like to do something to help. But how powerless we are! We remind ourselves of that embarrassed host of whom Jesus told. "Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine is in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him." There you have the whole tragic truth-"I have nothing to set before him." This host has a guest that is hungry, but he goes to his larder and finds it empty. Such is too often our experience. There is not one of us that is not called upon for help. by opportunities to serve, that in our own strength we are not able to meet. When this host found himself in this embarrassment, he was deeply troubled. It is easy to see marks of care upon his face. Then at once his face lights up, and his heart bounds with joy. What is the cause? He has thought of his friend. He is not in such a bad plight, after all. Therefore, he hurries away through the night to knock in confidence on the door of his friend; nor does he knock in vain. By and by he is home again, but he does not return empty handed. Just how many loaves he has we do not know; but one thing we know, he had all he needed.

I wonder if you and I will be this wise. We, too, are being asked for bread that we cannot give. We are face to face with doors that we have no key to open. If the demands made upon us are too great for our strength, what are we to do? Remember that we, too, have a friend. Through the needs of others that you long to meet, God is calling. It is the testimony of those who have tried Him that He is able to change our painful failures into amazing and joyous successes. He is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work. The man who wrote the preceding words spake out of his own experience. In fact, he declares with joy, "In Christ who strengthens me I am able to do all things." It is such ability that we need. God is calling to us through our consciousness of that need.

May God help us as preachers and Christian workers, as we see God's endless quest for man's salvation, to go out as never before and seek the lost throughout the whole world until Jesus says, "Come up higher."

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conviction. We feel that we are far short of what we ought to be. We feel the need of rejuvenation, a divine overhauling, and so, for our stimulation, the Lord asks of us these faith-inspiring questions, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God fainteth not, neither is weary?" You may be faint, but God fainteth not. You may be weary, but God is not weary. For "he giveth power to the faint: and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

A story has been told of a good brother in the East. When he was about sixty years old, his sons and daughters gathered about him and said, "You've been a wonderful father, and you've worked hard, but you are getting well up in years, and we feel that you should retire and take it easy for the days you yet have with us." After some consideration, he consented to do so.

In his thinking he then commenced to live largely in the past. His conversation was mostly about the "good old days" thirty and forty years ago. Whenever he did look into the future, his thoughts were usually about dying. Finally, he became ill; his strength speedily abated, and soon he was completely bedridden. Naturally, he became much alarmed, feeling that he actually was in a dying condition. He was conscious now of the fact that his spiritual life had not been what it should have been. He thought deeply of his sins of commission and omission, and earnestly repented and sought pardon. The Lord then blessed him with the glad assurance that all was forgiven.

He reached over on the little table and picked up the Bible and commenced to thoughtfully read from the 103d Psalm, "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." He meditated: that sounds like there is hope for a sick old man. Then he continued to read, "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Immediately he began to rejoice in the Lord, for many times he had read this psalm but never before did he notice that verse.

His daughter overheard the "hallelujah meeting" her father was having with the Lord, and came to see what it was all about. His face was beaming, as he exclaimed, "Daughter, the Lord has restored my soul, and I am 'shouting happy.'" The next morning he ate a hearty breakfast, for God had restored his strength, too.

RELIGIOUS OLD AGE grips numbers of people while literally and spiritually they are yet young. If they have been converted for one year, they decidedly feel old age stealing on. If they have professed salvation for five years, they feel that they are old-timers in the way, and say to themselves, "I have seen my day. Let the younger set of converts go ahead and do things for God, support the church and win souls. I have prayed, given tithes, and carried the brunt and the heavy end of this church work until I think it is about time for someone else to take over." Others, if they have professed to be Christians for twenty-five years, feel and act as if they ought to be looked up to as most-honored patriarchs and venerable old saints about ready for canonization. Yes, and more than that, they appear to think they ought to be released from duty on spiritual pension. Let me assure you it is not retirement these people need. It is re-fire-ment! In all fairness, let me make it clear that I wish to cast no reflection on religious old age in

the sense of years of true spiritual progress with God. To you who are found in that category, let me say a hearty "God bless you" and "more power to you" as you grow stronger in the Lord with each possing year.

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But now consider again the thought of the slowing-up Christian. Some of the symptoms of this form of "old age" are; a weakness in the knees when called upon to testify for the Lord; a pain in the region of the heart when hearing a sermon on tithing or when the offering plate is passed; and a tired feeling on Sundays and on prayer meeting nights.

CHRISTIAN FRIEND, if you are in this category, why not read Psalm 103 and especially take notice of the fifth verse: "God satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." God has a powerful lesson for us in the characteristics of an eagle, which is the king of the bird family. Certain kinds of eagles live to be a hundred or more years old; however, when they are about sixty, they begin to mope and sit around on crags of rocks, seemingly uninterested in the affairs of life. Their beaks grow shut; they heads hang; and their wings droop.

It is, however, characteristic of the eagle later to wake up. Suddenly, the old bird will begin to beat his wings with terrific force on the rocks, and then, at intervals, likewise strike his beak fiercely upon the hard surface, breaking off great chunks of overgrown hard cartilage. Then he will sit back against the rocks and rub out his old tail feathers, until the stones are covered with blood

from his wings, tail, and beak.

It seems I can see the defeathered spectacle, and if he could talk, he would say, "It isn't like it used to be in the good old days." But now with new feathers and a sharp beak, he begins to feed on 'lamb's meat and lamb's blood." (In passing, I trust that you catch the illustrative significance of this.) The old eagle takes on new life, and, in fact, "the eagle's youth has literally been renewed." He is now good for another fifty or sixty years! When the storms approach; the wind blows; and the lightning flashes, the old bird again puts his eye to the skies, and, with a scream, mounts toward the heavens. He soars above the clouds, the thunder, and the lightning, to enjoy the calm, the peace, and sunlight of the heavenlies.

We, too, as the eagle fed upon lamb's meat and lamb's blood, should feed upon the Lamb of God (His Word), seeking a fresh application of the blood of the Lamb upon our hearts. By so doing, we shall take on new life and be able to jubilantly exclaim with David, "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . who satisfieth thy mouth with good things (of the Word) so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

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He walked the shores of Galilee. People who saw Him were persistent in reaching Him for the healing of their infirmities. I do not believe that Christ was ever bothered or afflicted with a disease. His actions demonstrate His holy anger against disease. There is abundance of power in His name.

As Moses, the vigorous leader in the Old Testament, Jesus of Nazareth, the carpenter, possessed a strong body. And we never read of the apostles being stopped with disease. Doubtlessly, they were in touch with the One who was never afflicted. He suffered enough in the flesh with-

out diseases, and was determined to help all who came to Him. Thanks a million to our heavenly Father!

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told Pa these things while he lived how much it would have meant to him"—and she might have added "and to me."

RECENTLY I preached a sermon on duty to a large and attentive audience. It seemed to be well received. Then the widow of one of our well-known ministers came to me and said, "Brother Huchison, why didn't you mention their duty to our ministers' widows in your sermon?" Well, I hadn't thought of it, but I have thought of it since. Too often when we have laid their loved one in the grave, we bury them, too. We are just as cruel sometimes as the East Indians who burned the widow on their husband's funeral pyre. Don't neglect them. If they are in need, provide for their comfort, and don't push them aside in the Church as though their work were ended.

A few weeks ago a young minister arose to preach at one of our associations. I paused to whisper a word of encouragement into his ear. He looked over the congregation he was about to address, and then in the direction where his wife was sitting, and said, "I know of at least one person who is praying for me."

I wish you knew the person I have been writing about, but there is only one person who really knows the preach-

er's wife, and that is her preacher husband.

There is only one person in your church Who knows your preacher's life; Who has wept, and smiled and prayed with him—And that's your preacher's wife.

The crowd has seen him in his strength When wielding God's sharp Sword, As underneath God's banner folds He faced the devil's horde.

But deep within her heart she knows That scarce an hour before She helped him pray the glory down Behind the closet door.

She's heard him groaning in his soul, When bitter raged the strife,
As hand in his, she knelt with him—
For she's the preacher's wife.

You tell your tales of prophets brave Who marched across the world And changed the course of history By burning words they hurled,

And I will tell how back of each
Some woman lived her life—
Who wept with him and smiled with him—
She was the preacher's wife.

This article has been a failure, if you don't go to your pastor's wife the next time you see her, and tell her that you love her, too, and appreciate the part she has played in the fine service your pastor renders your church and you.—The Messenger of Peace.



CAPELS, W. Va.—Our recent 3 weeks' revival greatly blessed our church. Revs. Fred Stone and Lloyd Addair were the evangelists, and the Lord met with us each night in a great way. There were 22 saved, 11 sanctified, 8 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. The Capels Church is doing fine. We have a good Sunday School, a good Y.P.E., and last, but not least, we have a good pastor, Rev. Ben Smith. We surely do appreciate him and his good family. Pray for us to grow in our work for God.—Lola Lockhart, Reporter.

HIALEAH, Fla.—We have had one of the greatest revivals here that the church has ever had. Our evangelist was Rev. Harry Bartholf, of Jacksonville, Fla. There were 13 saved, 8 sanctified, and 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother Bartholf had been with the Church one year, and he has had over 700 experiences in this one year. About 175 have received the Holy Ghost this year, at the time he was here at Hialeah. He is a wonderful evangelist and will do any church good.—Thomas White, Pastor.

ORME, Tenn.—We have just had a good revival at the Orme Valley Church of God, with Brother Earle Sims as the evangelist. He preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and prays for the sick. One was sanctified, and one backslider was reclaimed and filled with the Holy Ghost. There were a number of people healed and blessed. There were 2 added to the church.—Mrs. Jessie Mont, Clerk

GETTYSBURG, S. Dak.—The Lord especially blessed in a revival here conducted by Rev. John L. MacMullen, of Wahpeton, N. Dak. One man, namely, Clarence H. Becker, was gloriously saved and wonderfully delivered from nicotine. He had been an addict of nicotine in many forms for 45 years. The church was filled to its capacity many nights, and the people were greatly encouraged in the Lord. One night during the meeting our very capable state overseer, Rev. Luther Painter, visited with us. His presence in the service was a great blessing to everyone. We, too, want to thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Knispel.—June N. Becker, Reporter.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The Main Street Church of God has had a wonderful revival conducted by Rev. James Poe Jackson. Fifteen were saved, 9 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. Any church will be blessed by using Brother Jackson. He preaches from a cot, but his soul is on fire for God.—Howard L. Russell, Pastor.

E. ST. LOUIS, Ill.—We have had a glorious 4 weeks' revival. We could never tell the good that has been done. It seems as though God's blessings came in waves of glory. Brother Johnny Warren, of Hickory, N. C., was our evangelist. It is truly wonderful how the Lord did use him to expound the Word of God. We saw souls run to the altar and call upon God for salvation. There were 3 saved, and many souls blessed. We also received 9 into the church. We truly thank God for His divine visitation to the people at the Lincoln Avenue Church of God in East St. Louis. We have a wonderful pastor, Rev. J. B. Holcomb, who has been a blessing to us all. In the times of trials and testing we find him always willing to help us. We have learned to love Brother Holcomb and his family.—Martha Wittmaier.

CHRISTIANS BURG, Va.—The Church of God at Christiansburg has had a 7 weeks' revival. Two of the weeks were in preparation for the revival under the leadership of the pastor. Rev. O. C. McCane, our state youth director, preached for 4 nights. Souls were being saved and the crowds began to increase. Evangelist Billy Franklin, of Birmingham, Ala., was with us the last 5 weeks, and the Holy Ghost seemed to visit in each service, convicting hearts. Forty-four were saved, 18 sanctified, 18 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. The people of the congregation expressed this to be the greatest revival here in several years.—J. R. Berry, Pastor.

MONROE, Va.—We had a 6 weeks' revival at the Monroe Church of God, with Rev. George Voorhis, of North Carolina, as the evangelist. Without question, this was the greatest revival our church has had for many years. There were 14 saved, 4 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 8 added to the church (7 of whom were adults), and 9 baptized in water. Our Sunday School has increased so much that we are now contemplating the building of rooms to take care of the crowded conditions in our present church. Since the revival closed, many souls are still seeking the Lord, and the fire is burning in hearts which had grown cold and indifferent. We pray that the revival may continue until Jesus comes. Brother Voorhis is a young man 22 years of age, but I can certainly recommend him to be a consecrated man of God and the Lord is blessing his humble, sincere spirit. He is a converted Catholic and has been preaching only a short time, but his zeal and inspiration would put many older men to shame. Brother Voorhis is open for revivals. He lives in his house trailer and can be contacted at Box 287, Erwin, N. C.—Samuel T. Sel-lick. Pastor.

WEATHERFORD, Texas—We really enjoyed the power of God in a revival

here. Three received the Holy Ghost in the meeting, some were saved, and 4 members were added to the church. We praise God for all He did for us. We have a wonderful church here, and good and wonderful people. The evangelists were Brother and Sister Danley and family. They are good workers for the Lord. Both Brother and Sister Danley preach, and Sister Danley and the two girls sing. We also appreciate our pastor, Brother J. D. Free, and his family.—Sarah Pearce, Reporter.

DOWLING PARK, Fla.—The Church of God at Dowling Park had a wonderful revival which ran from February 17 to March 13. There were 27 saved, 19 sanctified, 21 filled with the Holy Ghost, 13 baptized in water, and 7 added to the church. Our evangelists were Joan Ashby and Betty Craughan. They are good preachers.—Glenn Pridgen, Pastor.

MARTINSVILLE, Va.—The Church of God in Martinsville recently had one of the best revivals we have ever had. It was an old-time Pentecostal revival. Heaven seemed to meet with us night after night, and the mighty Holy Ghost came bringing conviction in such a manner until the evangelist could not preach. The altar filled with souls, many praying through, and the saints were strengthened by the mighty Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Wroten Dunn were the evangelists, and their singing was a great inspiration. Their lives seem to be so dedicated to Christ and His service. Eight were saved, 6 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. We had a daily broadcast that brought people to the church that had never attended. People are looking toward holiness and the Church of God as never before. Pray for us that we may stay in the will of God.—J. G. Houck, Pastor.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo.—We are glad to report a successful revival here, with Sister Beatrice Gestring, of Battle Creek, Mich., as our evangelist. Six were saved, 3 sanctified, and 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are believing God for greater things. We are also glad to report 5 additions to the church this month. Sister Gestring is

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CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE Sevierville, Tenn.

HELP WANTED: Our new infirmary is just about completed, and we desire to employ someone with practical nursing experience. We have an opening for another housemother and also a man and his wife. Write stating full particulars.

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE, William F. Dych, Supt., Sevierville, Tennessee



BRUNSWICK, Ga.—The Church of God members here in Brunswick honored their pastor, Sister Mary Dedge, with a surprise birthday party at the home of Mrs. J. J. Krauss. A beautiful corsage was presented to Sister Dedge as she entered the door, and the 100 guests sang "Happy Birthday." A beautiful ten-pound cake adorned the center of the buffet table. We are proud of Sister Dedge and the won-derful work she is doing here. Spring cleaning has begun at the church, and painting will be started soon. May God continue to richly bless Sister Dedge. —Mrs. W. L. Spivey.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., YOUTH AND DISTRICT CONVENTION
On Friday night, March 13, the youth service of the Huntington Youth and District Convention opened with the presence of the Lord, even from the very first song. After a fine orphanage offering was received, our state youth director, Rev. Hollis L. Green, gave the young people some wonderful instructions concerning Christian living—a sermon we want to remember. Following the message a short film, "The Stoning of Stephen," was shown by Brother Charles Tyree, of the Huntington Church.

of the Huntington Church.

In the Saturday night service the
Lord met with us in a marvelous way,
and the inspirational message, "Following Jesus," which was delivered by
our state overseer, Rev. G. W. Lane,
still lingers in our memories. In addition to the offerings brought from dition to the offerings brought from churches on the district, a floor offer-ing was received, and both offerings were to be applied on state and foreign missions.

The convention closed with remarks by our district overseer, the Rev. F. G. McAfee, a consecrated man of God who is determined to put the program over for the Church of God on the Huntington District. In addition, we, of the Huntington district, praise God and are made to feel humble and thankful for the excellent church leadership that is ours in West Virginia.-F. E. Thomas, Convention Re-

H BOMB HITS ELKINS, W. VA. on Sunday night February 15, 1953, an H bomb (heaven bomb) hit the Church of God in Elkins, W. Va. It was on this night that the greatest revival spirit this church has ever known settled down, and a five weeks' revival was on. This city and cities around for forty miles were shaken and stirred as they have never been and stirred as they have never been before. On Monday night. February 18 before. On Monday night, February 16, the Rev. A. S. Worley, of Loudon,

Tenn., came and did the preaching for the entire five weeks. Brother Worley did some fine preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The crowds were the church's larg-

est. The house was full nearly every night. Much of the time there were people standing around the walls. Some were turned away because there was no room. We borrowed chairs from one of the funeral homes, but this didn't solve the problem. The Sunday School record was 200. On Sunday before the revival closed we broke the record with 209. The Sunday the revival closed we broke the record again with 210.

Fifty-one received the Holy Ghost.

48 were converted, 30 sanctified, and 33 added to the church, including 8 married couples. Only a few of this

number were children.

This church has been praying for years for a revival. We feel that God heard prayer. The revival spirit is still here. Forty-two have joined church since the Assembly.

At the present we are in a building program. We are enlarging the audi-torium and building five Sunday School rooms, two rest rooms, and a built in choir. We are badly in need of room.

Please pray for us here at Elkins. May the Lord bless the great Church of God.—Rev. M. A. Gifford, Pastor.



FORT PAYNE, Ala.—This church is only about 5 years old and was or-ganized with a small membership of 13. T. G. Pearson came here in July, 1951, and at that time we had a membership of about 38. Brother Pearson began to fast and pray for God to send a revival. In April of 1952 God sent a great revival, with 32 being baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many people were healed by the power of God. Brother Pearson challenged the people to build a new church. He got a one-hundred-per-cent vote to sell the property, buy another location, and build. A house and four lots were bought, and the people went to work. The house was moved and remodeled for a parsonage. Then work began on the new church. Within 6 weeks we were able to have service in the new church. The auditorium is 38 by 48 feet, and there is an educational department with 10 Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, library, kitch-en, and 2 rest rooms. We are having our dedication the 19th of April, with Rev. H. L. Chesser preaching the dedicatory message.

Brother Pearson says, "I received the Lord at a very early age and began my ministry about 5 years after receiving the Holy Ghost. I entered Bible School in 1935 and finished in 1938. I took a post graduate course in 1939, doing evangelistic work in the summer. In March of 1939 I was chosen as state youth director of Alahama sen as state youth director of Alabama

and served until 1941. Then I was appointed pastor at Anniston, Ala., serv pointed pastor at Anniston, Ala., serving there for 5 years. I was district pastor 4 of these years. I have pastored Docena, Mulga, and North Birmingham, Ala., and have served as district pastor for 6 years. The Lord has helped me to remodel several churches and parsonages and to build some new churches, for which we some new churches, for which we praise Him. Most of all, I praise Him for the hundreds of souls he has giv-en me in the 16 years I have been

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********* TELEGRAM

Still in revival. Going into 14th week. Two hundred and thirty saved, 92 sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, 84 added to the church. Over 150 have had teeth healed by the power of God. Literally hundreds have been healed. Cancers have fallen off, crossed eyes have been healed instantly, broken bones and tumors have been healed, deaf and dumb have been healed—and alcoholics have been delivered. One man 90 years old was saved and healed of heart trouble. He was delivered of tobacco, which he had used 76 years. The revival spirit still prevails. Looking for greater things yet.—Frank Bradley, Pastor, Talladega, Ala.

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PRINCETON, W. Va.—I praise God for healing me of heart trouble. I need your prayers that I will be a blessing.—Mrs. Lloyd Nichols.

ORME, Tenn.—I am really praising the Lord for His wonderful healing power, I had been sick for over 2 years with a head disease. Brother Earle Sims came to our church for a revival and prayed for me, and God instantly healed my body. I can never praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me.—Lou Della Nichols.

KERMIT, W. Va .- I am glad to be able to testify to the love and saving grace of the blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has personally healed me and my loved ones, so I know He saves, heals, and keeps His own.—Louise Baisden.

GREER, S. C.—I praise God for His healing power. I had suffered for over a week with an awful hurting in my side and back. On Saturday morning at about two o'clock I woke up and thought that my right leg was para-lyzed. I prayed and God touched it so that I was able to sleep. The next morning I went to church and Sun-day School. I asked Brother Teems to anoint me and pray for me. God wonderfully healed me, and I am praising Him for it.—Mrs. Ellerweese Larke.

BAXLEY, Ga.—I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I praise Him for healing me and my children and loved ones. I thank Him for healing my little boy of a broken leg. My girl had some kind of spells. Brother Lee Walter and others prayed for her, and she hasn't had one since. She did have a nervous breakdown about 3 weeks ago. Some of the good Chris-tians fasted and prayed for her, and I thank God that she is improving fast. Please pray that God will com-pletely heal her. I also praise God for healing me when I was so nervous .-Mrs. Elise Ahl.

AMHERSTDALE, W. Va.—I praise God for healing me of a goiter that I had had for 28 years. Brother L. G. Rouse prayed for me, and the goiter left me. If you have the faith, God can heal you.—Mrs. Bruce Brumfield.

REVIVALS

(Continued from page 13) a wonderful preacher of God's divine Word.—Chester Shaner, Pastor.

CONWAY, S. C.—The people in Conway were really stirred by the mighty power of God and the soul-stirring messages of Rev. J. A. Dunlap during a recent revival. People from other organizations remarked, "I've not been in a meeting like this in a long

time. It's just like we used to have." There were 18 saved, 8 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost.—J. E. Owens, Reporter.

THORNTON, Ky.—We have just closed a revival with Sister Jessie Mae Rose, of Princeton, W. Va., as the evangelist. Sister Rose went to Millstone and preached for 2 weeks, and stone and preached for 2 weeks, and the members of Thornton worked in that meeting, helping all they could. In 2 weeks there were 13 saved, 7 sanctified, 3 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. Then Sister Rose came to Thornton and preached for 3 weeks. The saints of Millstone came down and both churches worked together. The Lord blessed, and there gether. The Lord blessed, and there were 8 saved and sanctified and 7 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Rose were a great blessing to these churches. Rev. J. C. Mooney is pastor at Millstone and Rev. Garnett Craft is pastor at Thornton. Pray for us.—Belvia Back, Reporter.

SHERRILL TOWN, N. C.—The Church of God here has closed a revival with Sister Dessle Mae McMahan as the evangelist. There were 14 saved, 9 sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. Sister McMahan is a wonderful evangelist and is good to work with young people.—Ellis Hollifield, Pastor Pastor.

REPORTS

(Continued from page 14) preaching, and the numbers of people who have been healed.

MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARY

CONVENTIONS
The State of Mississippi, under the leadership of its able overseer, Rev. G. C. Hamby, has just completed a series of missionary services. The first service was held at Jackson, Miss., on Wednesday, March 18; the second, in Hattlesburg, on Thursday, March 19. Hattlesburg, on Thursday, March 19; and on Friday night, March 20, another great service was held at Gre-

I had the happy privilege of attending these services, along with our Brother C. E. French, who delivered a soul-stirring message each evening, which, along with the film he showed us, inspired us to do more and more for missions. Each service was filled with great enthusiasm, and each pastor, along with the good overseer, seemed to have a greater vision than seemed to have a greater vision than ever before—"to preach the gospel in the regions beyond," 2 Corinthians 10:16. We shall not soon forget our short stay in Mississippi, neither the kind hospitality and sweet fellowship of Brother and Sister Hamby in their home. The offerings totaled, in cash and pledges, more than \$1,600.—Johnnie M. Owens, Atlanta, Ga.

PORTLAND, Ore.—From the Church of God at 7411 S. E. Powell Blvd., Portland, Ore., comes praises to God for His Spirit that has been moving in our state and throughout the world. We just had a wonderful revival with 7 souls saved and around 11

filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Al Woodward, of British Columbia, was our evangelist, and he did some wonderful preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. In October we were privileged to have our state overseer, Rev. F. W. Goff, with us in a revival. Souls were saved and refreshed by the Word of God We another the word of God We are us in a revival. Solis were saved and refreshed by the Word of God. We ap-preciate our pastor, Rev. M. L. Caw-dell, who is also the district overseer. With the help of his wife, whom we all love, they have done a commendable work on this district. Revivals have been going on in each church on the district. God is still moving where there are receptive hearts. Pray for us that we might progress even more in the Lord.—Mrs. Lillian Davis.



KENNINGTON

On Feb. 1, 1953, the death angel vison Feb. 1, 1953, the death angel visited the St. Mary Hospital in Humboldt, Tenn., and claimed our dear father, V. A. Kennington. He would have been 80 years old March 22. He had pneumonia during the Christmas holidays and had a relapse. He was never able to be up any more. I had the privilege of preaching in the last service he attended in the Humboldt Church of God. I preached on 2 Timothy 4:7, and he seemed to enjoy it so much. Brother Wilbanks, the pastor, used the same text in preaching his used the same text in preaching his funeral. Our father loved the Lord and was faithful to the end. We certainly do appreciate Brother W. R. Wilbanks, his pastor, and Rev. Hayward Highfill, pastor of the First Baptis Church in Humboldt, for their good words of comfort. We also appreciate the lovely floral offering. Our hearts are grieved to have to give up our father, but it makes heaven still brighter, for I know without a shadow brighter, for I know without a shadow of a doubt that he is there. I expect to join him over there.-A. G. Kenning-

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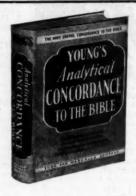
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